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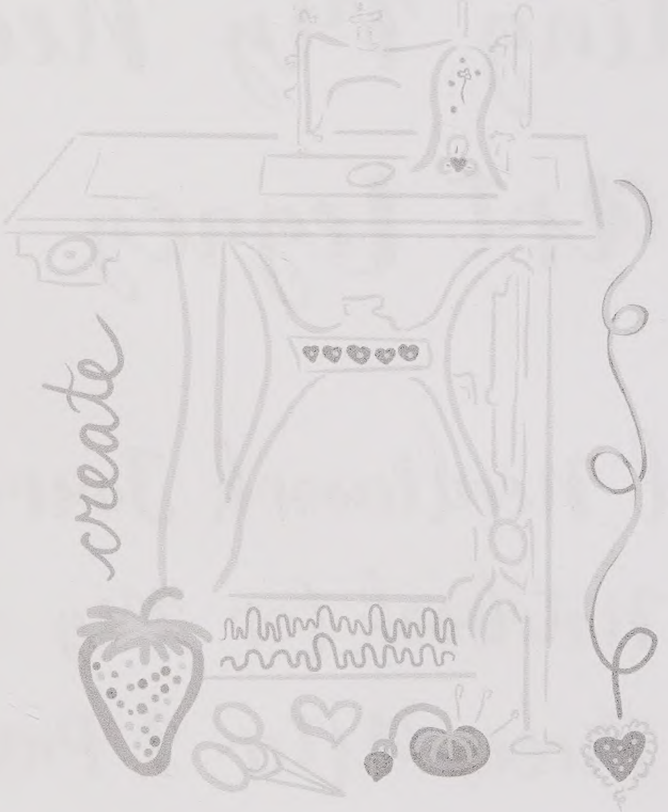

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Introduction

I was inspired to create this guided journal in the hopes of helping needleworkers share the highs and lows of their needle art journey. I have heard cross stitchers discuss their pieces in several different ways ranging from a "small quick stitch" to a "treasured heirloom" piece. That got me thinking, what will happen to my stitching when I am gone. Hence this guided journal. Whether you focus on one type of needle art or you are a multi-faceted needleworker, may these pages help you to help document your love of needle art.

The second part of this notebook allows you to designate who will inherit your needlework once you pass away. Each page allows you to attach a photo of the piece along with the pertinent contact information of each person or organization. May you find some comfort in knowing you have planned where you would like your needlework collection to go once you are gone.

Kindest regards and happy stitching,
Amanda Mae
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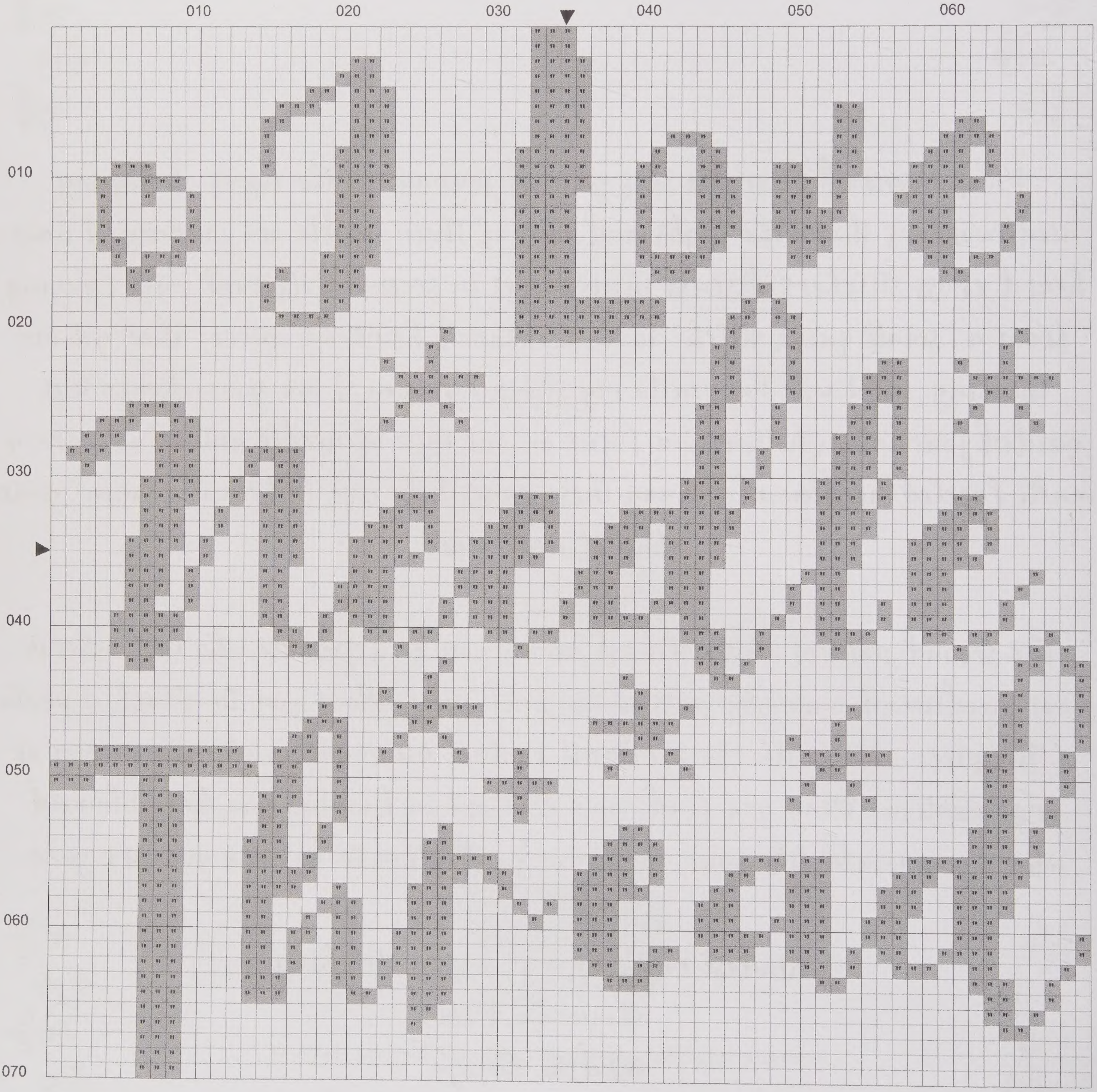
I Love Needle and Thread

70 Stitches Wide by 70 Stitches High



My Favorite Things

Favorite fabric ____

Favorite thread ____

Favorite needle ____

Project bag ____

Scissors ____

Pattern ____

Stitching spot ____

Yarn ____

Textile ____

Felt ____

Embellishment ____

Button ____

Frame ____

Decor ____

Clothing ____

Charm ____

Ribbon ____

Bead ____

Frame ____

Glue ____

Sequins ____

Bell ____

What is your favorite type of needle art?

What got you started in needlework?

What is the first thing you remember about needlework?

What inspires you to create?

What is your favorite color palette?

What is your first memory of seeing a needle and thread?

What is the strangest or most outlandish thing you've created? Did you create it on purpose or was it a happy accident?

How do you like to stitch? For instance, do you like to use a lap stand, embroidery hoop, or stitch in hand?

What is one form of needlework that scares you the most? What are you the most intimidated by?

What is the first three things you think of when you hear the term, "needleworker?"

Do you have any stitching pet peeves? If so, what are some of them?

What is your favorite needleworker tool or gadget? Has this changed or evolved over the years?

What is the biggest piece of advice you would want to tell your younger self about your art?

What is your greatest motivation to create and to stitch?

What propels you to create?

What are five things that you cannot live without in your stitching area or craft room?

If you had to choose one type of textile to stitch on such as linen, Aida, or quilting cotton, what would it be and why?

What do you struggle with the most with your needlework?

Who or what was the biggest influence on you? Did you have a stitching mentor?

What are your least favorite things to do when it comes to your art?

What is your favorite time of the year to create? Why?

Describe your personal stitching style. Has it changed over the years? If so, how?

Is there another art form that inspires you to create? If so, what is it?

What was your favorite thing to stitch? What did it look like? Who designed it? Do you still have it in your collection?

Who is your favorite needlework designer or company? What originally drew you to this artist, designer, or company?

How would you describe your needle art aesthetic?

Is there a project or pattern that you never finished that you wish you could finish now? Is there anything stopping you from finishing it?

Did you have any needlework teachers or instructors? If so, what were some of the key things they taught you?

Where do you see the needlework industry 100 years from now?

Where do you see your own stitching twenty years from now?

Where do you see your own needle art pieces one hundred years from now?

If you had to pick the top four items that you're the most proud of creating, what would these things be and why are they your favorites?

What is your biggest crafty fear?

What's your biggest stitching accomplishment?

What would be the three things you would love to get as stitching gifts?

Do you have any stitching friends? If so, how did you meet them?

Do you belong to any stitching groups or guilds? If so, when did you join them?

What's your silliest stitching incident?

What is your biggest stitching idiosyncrasy?

Have you ever committed a crafty faux-pas? If so, what was it?

Have you attended any stitching retreats or stitching themed events? If so, what's your fondest memory?

How far have you traveled in search of supplies for your stitching project? What was the project?

What's your favorite place to shop for needlework supplies? Why?

Do you have a plan for your stitching stash if you were to become ill or pass away?
Do your loved ones know what you would like to do with your collection?

Is there anything you would like your family or friends to know about your stitching before you pass away?

Needlework Title: ______________________ Date ____________

Needlework location ______________ Type of Needlework ____________

I would like this piece of needlework to go to the following person, guild, group, or organization after I pass away:

Name ______________________________

Organization ______________________________

Street Address ______________________________

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4 x 6 photo of the needlework piece, sketch, or description of the piece

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